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The New Greece, 100 Years Old: 2,700 Years Young!

REECE, which has just ended the 100th anniversary celebration of its independence, faces the future stronger than at any time in the 2,700-year history of the Greek race. The classic ideas of ancient Greece have traveled many thousands of miles, and some of them, like bread upon the waters, have returned to make richer and better the sons and daughters of modern Attica and Hellas.

Athens (Athenai on new maps), with her new suburbs, and Port Piraeus (Pieraievs) have won a high trade position in the Near East. Now a news report from the Greek capital indicates that the civil code will be revised to abolish the legal obligation of a father to provide

a dowry for his daughter.

The dowry, itself, is not the question. The 1930 "suppliant daughter of Danaus" wants the right also to work for a living, and to have a voice in the selection of her husband. This change, if put through, will effect a profound change in the status of Greek women. Heretofore they have followed the customs of their southern European sisters, who sit at home and wait for husbands.

Two Prizes of War

Two rich prizes of war have more than paid the cost of Smyrna's loss in 1922. When 1,200,000 destitute refugees descended upon Greece they brought in their seemingly empty

hands the Turkish carpet and the Turkish tobacco industries.

Athens University with 10,000 students has chairs of philosophy for modern Platos and science professorships for new Archimedes. The Gennadeion, a library built by Greek and American effort, holds 50,000 volumes on Greek culture and history for a latter day Socrates and Herodotus.

A splendid new stadium under the shadow of the Acropolis takes the place of that

ancient meeting place for athletes at Olympus, where the Olympic games were first contested.

Parliament of a free people listens to the fervid oratory of speakers who reveal that the ancient love of the Greeks for argument, debate and exhortation has diminished not a jot. New and splendid buildings, acknowledging in their style the genius of Pericles, rise on

Greek progress, evident throughout the peninsula, makes it difficult to appreciate that one hundred years ago the proud people of Ulysses and Agamemnon had been ground under many heels: Alexander's heel, the Roman heel, the Venetian heel, and for 400 years the Turkish heel.

American Heroes of Greek Freedom

Smoldering resentment against Moslem rule broke out in 1821, beginning the nine-year battle for freedom. Admirers of Greece in many lands rushed to her support as Lafavette. Kosciusko, and Von Steuben rushed to that of the United States. Americans and English vied with each other to raise money for the support of the Greek revolution. President Monroe sent a message of encouragement to which Jefferson, Adams and Madison added their wishes for Greek success. Dr. Samuel Howe, husband of Julia Ward Howe, author of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," sailed to Greece soon after his graduation from Harvard, joined the revolutionists, and became surgeon-general.

Other American heroes of the Greek revolution were Colonel Jonathan Miller of Vermont, whose expenses were paid by Boston; George Wilson of Rhode Island; and James Williams, a negro from Baltimore, who had served under Decatur. The fervor of America has been preserved forever in the name Ypsilanti, Michigan, in honor of a Greek patriot

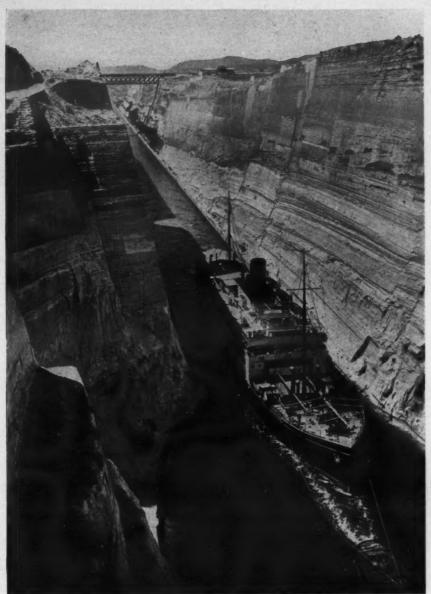
of the day.

Most famous of the foreigners who came to the aid of Greece was the poet Lord Byron. then at the height of his fame. A suburb and a boulevard of Athens to-day honor his memory. His fame has obscured the services of others: Lord Cochrane, Admiral of the Greek navy; General Church, Commander-in-Chief of the land forces; Colonel Fabvier of France; and Meyer of Germany.

Any nation subject to conquerors for 2,000 years takes time to recover poise. One hundred years is a moment by comparison. Underneath a stormy century of kings, presidents, and dictators in rapid succession, Greece has advanced to a sound condition in 1931. The

present head of the government, Venizelos, is the only war premier still in office.

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SHORT CUT FROM THE ADRIATIC TO THE AEGEAN: THE CORINTH CANAL

The construction of this four-mile waterway was planned by the Romans, begun by the French, and completed in 1893 by the Greeks. Ships using it shorten their run between Kephallenia and the Piraeus from 366 to 164 miles (See Bulletin No. 1).

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What Is the "Most Beautiful Bird in the World?"

WHAT is the most beautiful bird in the world? Not the peacock, nor the bird of paradise, nor our own humming bird. According to Ernest C. Holt, leader of an expedition which has been collecting natural history material for the National Geographic Society in South America, it is "the Cock-of-the-Rock." Mr. Holt has obtained six specimens of this rare beauty in a remote region along the Brazil-Venezuela border.

The Cock-of-the-Rock, which has been seen alive by few travelers, is described by Mr. Holt as "a most gorgeous creature, orange or flame colored, with a double crest, and to my mind the most beautiful bird in the world." The beauty is concentrated in the male, Mr. Holt reports, for in few bird species is there a more striking contrast between the resplendent cock and the very drab and demure

female. In size the Cock-of-the-Rock is between a robin and a crow.

River Which Flows Two Ways

Mr. Holt and his assistants have been traveling by special permission with the joint Brazilian-Venezuelan Boundary Commission which is surveying the line separating the two countries. The region under survey lies approximately 50 miles north of the Equator and east of the Rio Negro, near the famous "Casiquiare Canal," a river that flows in two directions and connects the waters of the Orinoco and Amazon systems.

In order to reach the frontier Mr. Holt and the Brazilian commissioners fought their way for 22 days by boat up 50 miles of almost continuous rapids in the Cauabury and Maturacá Rivers. The latter stream is little more than a creek obstructed by fallen trees, Mr. Holt reports; but up it the small army of native helpers of the Commission dragged a large motor boat, hacking a way with

axes and machetes through the log jams.

Monkeys Numerous About Camp

Around their camp at Salto do Huá, on the Brazil-Venezuela border, the boundary commission and Mr. Holt's party found monkeys so numerous that the meat of the animals was made a regular item on their menu. They also shot

curassows or bush turkeys.

The Cock-of-the-Rock was found after the camp was moved eastward from the Rio Maturacá to the foothills of the Serra Imeri, a long, tortuous and littleknown range of mountains that extends under various names to the frontier of British Guiana where it culminates in Mt. Roraima, common point in the boundaries of Venezuela, British Guiana, and Brazil.

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Note: Recent material on a district within 350 miles of that in which the "most beautiful bird in the world" was found is contained in "Through Brazil to the Summit of Mount Roraima," November, 1930. See, also, "The Book of Birds" by Dr. Henry W. Henshaw, published by the National Geographic Society.

Heavy Trade with United States

American influence, important during the revolution 100 years ago, is even more vital now. Commerce with the United States is heavier than with any other nation. American sailors, an American Disaster Relief Committee, and Greek ships flying the American flag

aided the embarkation of Greek refugees after the holocaust at Smyrna.

An American is chairman of the board for the settlement of the refugees, who numbered one-fifth the total population of Greece. American companies and engineers are engaged in the reclamation of Vardar and Struma river swamps for wheat fields and in the building of the first important water system for Athens since Hadrian built an aqueduct. (See illustration on last page.)

Then there are the American-minded Greeks who have been to the United States. No

village, as tourists in Greece soon discover, is without one.

Greece remains an agricultural nation, although only one-fifth of its surface (49,000 square miles; equal to New York State) is suitable for farming. Olives that were so highly valued by the ancient Greeks are no less important to modern Greeks who care for

30,000,000 olive trees. Currant-growing is likewise an ancient industry.

Climate and soil conditions of the western shores of Peleponnesus and on the islands of Zante (Zakynthos), and Cephalonia (Kephallenia), practically guarantee a world monopoly in the growth of the small, seedless currant grape that has been raised successfully elsewhere only in California and Australia. Half a million Greeks depend for their livelihood upon the currant crop.

Turkish Tobacco from Greece

The United States' chief import from Greece is, strange to say, Turkish tobacco. Small leaf tobacco of the Near East was raised in Macedonia when that region was still Turkish, but the production has been greatly increased with the coming of the refugees. These newcomers, many of whom were settled in Macedonia, knew all about raising tobacco, so their efforts have made Kavala a famous tobacco port. Refugees have also introduced

the silk-raising industry, as well as rug weaving and cigarette-making.

Cotton of Boeotia, dried fruits from the Peleponnesus, wines of Attica, honey from Hymettus, wheat from newly drained swamps, are products of the nation. Some authorities, however, call Greek wine a mistake instead of a product. Beside a glass of Greek "resin wine," they declare, the hemlock cup that Socrates drank was a delicious beverage. No one seems to know why or when the Greeks began putting resin in their otherwise excellent wine.

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Note: Modern Greece, and natural color photographs of Classic Greek drama and costumes, feature "New Greece, the Centenarian, Forges Ahead," in the December, 1930, National Geographic Magazine. See also "Seeing 3,000 Years of History in Four Hours," December, 1928; "History's Greatest Trek," November, 1925; "The Glory That Was Greece," December, 1922, and other articles in the National Geographic Magazine which may be found by consulting the Cumulative Index to The Magazine in your school or public library. (Greece's strategic place in the Mediterranean is indicated on the map following Bulletin No. 4.)

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Paris Rings a Curfew for Taxi Horns

A SK the person who has been to Paris to name the thing that was most indelibly stamped upon memory while there and, perhaps, nine out of ten will answer, "the funny auto horns." Demoniac taxi drivers, "whank, whanking" at every corner (and Paris has lots of corners), keep pedestrians and nerves on the

jump.

Now the Prefect of Police of Paris has decreed that automobile horns shall be silenced at least between 10 o'clock at night and 6 o'clock in the morning. The new order forbids, also, bells on street cars and whistles in stations, on trains, or on tugboats along the Seine, being sounded within the city. Milkmen are ordered to wrap milk cans in felt to deaden their rattling, and garbage collectors are warned to be quiet.

Paris a City of Apartment Houses

Paris is a city of apartment houses. Only the wealthy have detached homes. Out in St. Cloud a number of Americans have erected homes like those in an American suburb, and the sightseeing cars show them to French visitors as a novelty of the city.

Apartment houses of Paris, however, are not the skyscraper variety. Paris allows no residential structures more than eight stories high, not even hotels. In that respect, if in few others, Paris has an American likeness in Boston.

Paris makes this restriction because she remembers her fire. The city's fire department is manned by soldiers, and they march through the streets when they go on duty, sun gleaming on their brass helmets, suggestive of mounting

guard in London.

The result of this apartment dwelling is that the average family which would have a 7 or 8 room home in the United States usually has 3 or 4 rooms in a Paris lodging. Even if the family dines at home, its members stroll out to the sidewalks afterwards; and when they are tired strolling they sit for an hour or more at a sidewalk cafe.

Read, Write, Eat and Sew on Sidewalk

There father smokes his after dinner cigarette or tiny French cigar and reads his paper. There mother chats with her friends and the children sit for awhile, then play on the sidewalks. And "playing in the street" has no "East Side" flavor in Paris, as it might have in New York. Front yards are as little known in Paris as chocolate sundaes.

Down along the river Seine are the quays, virtually sidewalks, and along them are the famous book stalls. The space is apportioned down to the inch; and the numbers and lines along the stone walls, that Sunday or late evening visitors wonder about, denote the lessees of the space where, in daytime, the seller puts up his little wooden stand with the paper back books and infinite variety of maga-

zines and newspapers.

Much of the reading matter in the bookstalls may have been written on the sidewalks. Every sidewalk cafe has its tablets, blotting paper, pens and ink for the customer who would attend to his correspondence after he has dined or sipped. Numerous Parisian poets and essayists are reputed to have done their composing in this or that sidewalk cafe. And the scribbler, and even sketch artist of to-day,

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THIS PRIMITIVE VILLAGE IS TYPICAL OF THOSE NEAR THE REGION WHERE THE "MOST BEAUTIFUL BIRD IN THE WORLD" IS FOUND

Arabupu, perched almost astride the Brazil-Venezuela border, shelters a tribe of the Arecuna Indians. The houses are built either round or oblong with the ends rounded. The village occupies a corner of the grassy savannas bordered by jungle (See Bulletin No. 2).

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Cirenaica: A Possible "Bread Basket for Rome"

TALIAN patrols in Cirenaica, Rome's lonely African colony on the edge of the vast Libyan Desert, have captured the last belligerent Arab outpost. The Cufra group of oases, from which rebel chiefs organized raids for plunder on both Tripoli and Cirenaica, were occupied by three columns of native and mixed Italian troops late in January. The movement tightened Italy's hold on territory which had previously been Italian in claim only.

May Again Be "Bread Basket of Rome"

Situated on a bold headland protruding into the crystal clear waters of the Mediterranean, Cirenaica is a dry, parched land with scarcely a stream or creek. A shelf of limestone hills, resembling a gigantic backbone, but hardly justifying the Arab name "Green Mountains," stretches across the base of the foreland. Between this ridge and the blue sea, a fringe of fertile fields 60 to 70 miles wide, lying dormant for centuries, now teems with Italian colonists and migrating Arabs. With the help of modern irrigation methods it is hoped this region again will merit its historical nickname, "bread basket of Rome."

Southward is the vast Libyan Desert, rocky and barren, gradually, farther inland, becoming a sea of orange-colored sand. Green, palm-studded oases with a deep well of cool pure water in the heart of each, called by the Bedouins "Isles of the Blest," form the southern border of Cirenaica proper. Strung across the hot desert, they are like stepping-stones suited to seven-league boots. These oases are ports for camel caravans which plod slowly south towards Cufra, the trading center of the warlike and fanatical Senussi.

Camels, Donkeys and Motorcycles

Visitors to Cirenaica usually sail from Brindisi (see map) on steamers laden to capacity with Italian officers and their families bound for Bengasi, the principal seaport and capital. Because of a rocky bottom which prevents dredging in the mole-inclosed harbor, passengers land in small boats which bob precariously on the gentle swell, characteristic of these coastal waters.

The first impression of Bengasi is of a bit of Europe transplanted. Since 1911, when Cirenaica was occupied by the Italians, a new town on modern lines has been built alongside the old Arab section. Wide avenues, shaded by date palms and lined with neat houses patterned after Moorish architecture, border a public park planted with imported tropical plants and shrubs. Donkeys carrying nondescript loads, from hooded Arabs to bundles of firewood larger than themselves, and camels "pad padding" along, vie with motorcycles and automobiles for right of way.

"Shock Absorber" Sponges

While hundreds of miles of hard surfaced roads have been built, the automobile, in outlying sections, still follows caravan trails used for centuries. Without the camel, life in the desert regions would be difficult. He not only provides transportation, but milk, meat when mutton is absent, and wool for tents, ropes and grain sacks.

From time immemorial sponge and tunny fishing have been the chief industries along the coast of Cirenaica. Greek divers swim down, holding a rock, pluck a sponge from the bottom and then, upon releasing the weight, float to the surface.

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over in the Montparnasse student quarter, does not go to his garret for inspiration:

he takes a chair at his favorite sidewalk cafe.

The sidewalks across the Seine from the bookstalls are lined with fishermen, especially on Sundays. In mid-summer fishing contests are held. The competition is for numbers caught, not for size. Though the crowds are large, the fish in the Seine are exceeding small. One is tempted to add "if any," after watching much of this fruitless fishing.

It was just a little over a hundred years ago, Parisians aver, that the first sidewalk was constructed over by the Odeon Theater, to-day one of the oldest and quaintest quarters of Paris. Since then the Parisian's enthusiasm and affection for sidewalks has grown mightily. And if he would honor a name or a date, his first thought is to name a street for the person or event. Names of friendly countries, of famous men of all nationalities, of historic holidays are given to streets. Hence the Boulevard des Italiens, the Avenue de President Wilson, the Rue du 4 Septembre.

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See also: "Through the Back Doors of France," National Geographic Magazine, July, 1923; "Our Friends, the French," November, 1918; "A Day with Our Boys in the Geographic Ward," July, 1918; and "Plain Tales from the Trenches," March, 1918.



A PARIS PUNCH-AND-JUDY SHOW

The trousers on the donkey's legs are supposed to keep off flies, but the clever mountebank who runs the show knows that they also attract youthful, and grown-up, attention to his enterprise.

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The principal food crop is barley, quantities of which are exported to the motherland and Scotland. Henna, olives, vegetables, fruit and grapes are raised in the more fertile regions, while dates, figs and skins brought in by caravans from the south are shipped to Italy, the last to be made into gloves and shoes.

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Note: See also "Cirenaica, Eastern Wing of Italian Libia," June, 1930, National Geographic Magazine, and "Tripolitania, Where Rome Resumes Sway," August, 1925.



CIRENAICA HAS BEEN UNDER ITALIAN RULE FOR 18 YEARS

Cirenaica is a semidesert land surrounded by Italy's larger Libian colony, Tripolitania, and the Libyan Desert, Egypt, and the Mediterranean Sea. The Cufra oases, recently captured by Italian patrols, are trading centers of the warlike and fanatical Senussi Arabs.

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